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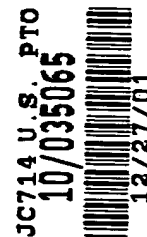
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REFORMING REACTOR**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

Japanese Publication No. Hei 5-290865 , published November 5, 1993, including an English abstract;

Japanese Publication No. 7-192742, published July 28, 1995, including an English abstract; and

Japanese Publication No. 7-240223, published September 12, 1995, including an English abstract.

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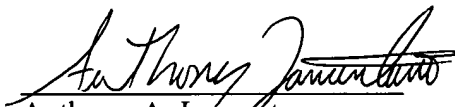
no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publications are prior art. Moreover, the Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

Copies of the foregoing Japanese publications, including English abstracts, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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